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they're teaching me a lesson and I guess there's a lot of pleasure in that. But you're going to have to teach a lesson to your Governor, and I don't know whether you're going to be able to do that. So you laugh today, I laugh on LB 305. What I think we should be looking at in this budget bill is where we are setting priorities. I understand the church feeling that its priority is to get that money, and I can understand its soldiers pushing for what the church wants. But will the church be able to put enough steel in their spine to stand up to the Governor? Or will the church tell the Governor, since you're a member of the church, you roll over too and you sign this portion of the budget; you let that go through because it's what we want. I will have to watch and see how that plays out. I'm waiting for somebody who is a Catholic to try to show me where the Catholic Church has not functioned as a political entity throughout history and one now. They use their political muscle to get a Catholic chaplain up there in Washington, to have a priest praying over them, not that it (laugh) makes any difference. And I'm going to be frank, if a guy in a robe and a backward collar can make those rascals straighten up and fly right, then I say more power to him and he ought to come here and pray over this body. But some of those guys have prayed over this body and it hasn't done any good. Senator Wickersham said when he went to Creighton, was exposed to all those religion courses, it didn't hurt him. I'm not so sure that I can agree with his assessment of the impact and effect they had on him. Maybe something else is the cause of it. I don't think that the religion that they taught at Creighton had any impact on me, but I cannot say that my impact on students at Creighton was what Creighton would have wanted, because when they hear a new idea, they ask questions, and that's not what people in the They don't want anybody in the church to ask any church want. questions. And that's why there's a hierarchy and the one up here dictates to this one, who dictates to that one, and they dictate right on down to those on the ground, but those on the ground say, hey, you're not going to tell me what to do in this area, I'll do what I want to do, if I want to wear a condom, I'll wear a condom, if I want to go out here and get a prostitute, I'll get a prostitute, if I want to say off-color things to young women, I'll say off-color things to young women, and ain't nobody going to stop me. And I don't want some people